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WILDERNESS MODULE

WILD1 We would now like to ask you some questions about wilderness areas. The following list will help us understand how familiar people are with wilderness. Please tell me if you think each of the following statements is TRUE or FALSE, or if you don't know.

wd280e1 Wilderness areas are established by Congress

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| 1 True | 2 False |
| 8 Don't know | 9 Refused |

wd280e2 Motor vehicles are allowed in wilderness areas

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| 1 True | 2 False |
| 8 Don't know | 9 Refused |

wd280e3 Wilderness areas are managed by the Bureau of Land Management, the Fish and Wildlife Service, the Forest Service and the National Park Service.

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| 1 True | 2 False |
| 8 Don't know | 9 Refused |

wd280e4 Hunting is not allowed in wilderness areas.

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| 1 True | 2 False |
| 8 Don't know | 9 Refused |

wd280e5 Designated wilderness areas exist in almost every state in the country.

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| 1 True | 2 False |
| 8 Don't know | 9 Refused |

wd280e6 Wilderness areas are managed primarily to protect natural conditions, but also may be used for growing timber.

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| 1 True | 2 False |
| 8 Don't know | 9 Refused |

wd280e7 All National Park lands are part of the United States wilderness system.

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| 1 True | 2 False |
| 8 Don't know | 9 Refused |

wd280e8 Fishing is allowed in wilderness areas.

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| 1 True | 2 False |
| 8 Don't know | 9 Refused |

wd280e9 Wilderness areas were established to help handle the growing need for recreation areas.

- 1 True
- 2 False
- 8 Don't know
- 9 Refused

wd280e10 Bicycles are not allowed in wilderness areas.

- 1 True
- 2 False
- 8 Don't know
- 9 Refused

wd280e11 Roads are developed in wilderness for fire protection and recreational access.

- 1 True
- 2 False
- 8 Don't know
- 9 Refused

wd280e12 Small cabins are allowed in wilderness for overnight visitors.

- 1 True
- 2 False
- 8 Don't know
- 9 Refused

wild280f How do you feel about designating more of the federal lands in your state as wilderness?
Would you say you strongly favor, somewhat favor, neither favor nor oppose, somewhat oppose, or strongly oppose this idea?

- 1 Strongly favor
- 2 Somewhat favor
- 3 Neither favor nor oppose
- 4 Somewhat oppose
- 5 Strongly oppose
- 8 Don't know
- 9 Refused

wd280i1 Please tell me whether you always, usually, sometimes, seldom, or never trust the accuracy of each of the following sources of information.

State natural resources agencies

- 1 Always
- 2 Usually
- 3 Sometimes
- 4 Seldom
- 5 Never
- 8 Don't know
- 9 Refused

wd280i2 Bureau of Land Management

- 1 Always
- 2 Usually
- 3 Sometimes
- 4 Seldom
- 5 Never
- 8 Don't know
- 9 Refused

wd280i3 Fish and Wildlife Service

- 1 Always
- 2 Usually
- 3 Sometimes
- 4 Seldom
- 5 Never
- 8 Don't know
- 9 Refused

wd280i4 Forest Service

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| 1 Always | 2 Usually |
| 3 Sometimes | 4 Seldom |
| 5 Never | 8 Don't know |
| 9 Refused | |

wd280i5 National Park Service

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| 1 Always | 2 Usually |
| 3 Sometimes | 4 Seldom |
| 5 Never | 8 Don't know |
| 9 Refused | |

wd280i6 University sources

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| 1 Always | 2 Usually |
| 3 Sometimes | 4 Seldom |
| 5 Never | 8 Don't know |
| 9 Refused | |

wd280i7 Environmental organizations

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| 1 Always | 2 Usually |
| 3 Sometimes | 4 Seldom |
| 5 Never | 8 Don't know |
| 9 Refused | |

wd280i8 Fellow outdoor enthusiasts

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| 1 Always | 2 Usually |
| 3 Sometimes | 4 Seldom |
| 5 Never | 8 Don't know |
| 9 Refused | |

wd280i9 Television

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| 1 Always | 2 Usually |
| 3 Sometimes | 4 Seldom |
| 5 Never | 8 Don't know |
| 9 Refused | |

wd280i10 Radio

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| 1 Always | 2 Usually |
| 3 Sometimes | 4 Seldom |
| 5 Never | 8 Don't know |
| 9 Refused | |

wd280i11 Newspapers

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| 1 Always | 2 Usually |
| 3 Sometimes | 4 Seldom |
| 5 Never | 8 Don't know |
| 9 Refused | |

wd280i12 Magazines

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| 1 Always | 2 Usually |
| 3 Sometimes | 4 Seldom |
| 5 Never | 8 Don't know |
| 9 Refused | |

wd280i13 Internet

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| 1 Always | 2 Usually |
| 3 Sometimes | 4 Seldom |
| 5 Never | 8 Don't know |
| 9 Refused | |

wd280i14 Friends and acquaintances

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| 1 Always | 2 Usually |
| 3 Sometimes | 4 Seldom |
| 5 Never | 8 Don't know |
| 9 Refused | |

wild282 The 625 legally designated wilderness areas that make up the National Wilderness Preservation System contain over 4 percent of the United States total land area, including Alaska. Each of these designated areas is protected to keep it as wild and natural as possible.

Do you think that the amount of land the Congress has designated as wilderness so far is not enough, about the right amount, or too much?

- 1 Not enough
- 2 About the right amount
- 3 Too much
- 8 Don't know
- 9 Refused

wild282b At some wilderness areas, companies offer airplane or helicopter sightseeing trips. Sometimes there are also low flying military aircraft. Some feel such flights are needed to see the scenery and that military flights should never be restricted. Others feel low altitude flights should be banned because they disturb wilderness hikers and disrupt wildlife. Which of the following is the closest to your position?

- 1 Low flying aircraft over wilderness should be allowed
- 2 Low flying aircraft should be limited, but not banned
- 3 Low flying aircraft should be banned entirely over wilderness.
- 8 Don't know
- 9 Refused

wild282f If you were to visit a wilderness area, how important would it be to not hear or see other people? Would you say it was extremely important, very important, moderately important, slightly important, or not important at all?

- 1 Extremely important
- 2 Very important
- 3 Moderately important
- 4 Slightly important
- 5 Not important at all

- 8 Don't know
- 9 Refused

wild282g If you were to visit a wilderness area, would seeing a wilderness ranger, an administrative cabin or other structure detract from your experience? Would it detract very much, somewhat, a little, or not at all?

- 1 Very much
- 2 Somewhat
- 3 A little
- 4 Not at all
- 8 Don't know
- 9 Refused

wild295a Please tell me whether you strongly agree, somewhat agree, somewhat disagree, or strongly disagree with the following statements about wilderness.

I enjoy reading about and viewing pictures, videos, TV shows and movies featuring wilderness areas.

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| 1 Strongly agree | 2 Somewhat agree |
| 3 Neither agree nor disagree | 4 Somewhat disagree |
| 5 Strongly disagree | 8 Don't know |
| 9 Refused | |

wild295b I enjoy knowing that other people are currently able to visit wilderness.

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| 1 Strongly agree | 2 Somewhat agree |
| 3 Neither agree nor disagree | 4 Somewhat disagree |
| 5 Strongly disagree | 8 Don't know |
| 9 Refused | |

wild295c I enjoy knowing that future generations will be able to visit and experience wilderness areas.

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| 1 Strongly agree | 2 Somewhat agree |
| 3 Neither agree nor disagree | 4 Somewhat disagree |
| 5 Strongly disagree | 8 Don't know |
| 9 Refused | |

wild295d Wilderness areas are important to protect because they contribute to better local, national, and global air and water quality.

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| 1 Strongly agree | 2 Somewhat agree |
| 3 Neither agree nor disagree | 4 Somewhat disagree |
| 5 Strongly disagree | 8 Don't know |
| 9 Refused | |

wild295e Wilderness areas are important because they help to preserve plant and animal species that could have important scientific or human health value, such as sources of new medicines.

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| 1 Strongly agree | 2 Somewhat agree |
| 3 Neither agree nor disagree | 4 Somewhat disagree |
| 5 Strongly disagree | 8 Don't know |
| 9 Refused | |

wild295f I support protecting wilderness areas just so they will always exist in their natural condition, even if no one were to ever visit or otherwise benefit from them.

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| 1 Strongly agree | 2 Somewhat agree |
| 3 Neither agree nor disagree | 4 Somewhat disagree |
| 5 Strongly disagree | 8 Don't know |
| 9 Refused | |

wild295g I believe the trees, wildlife, free flowing water, rock formations, and meadows that wilderness protects have value themselves whether or not humans benefit from them.

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|------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1 Strongly agree | 2 Somewhat agree |
| 3 Neither agree nor disagree | 4 Somewhat disagree |
| 5 Strongly disagree | 8 Don't know |
| 9 Refused | |

Wild295h Are you a member of an environmental or conservation group?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 8 Don't know
- 9 Refused